

## November 9, 2006 Public Hearing

The Stuyvesant Town Board held a Public Hearing for the 2007 Budget. Town Clerk, Lori Ennis, read the following notice that was published in the Independent Newspaper and the Hudson Register Star Newspaper.

### Public Notice Town of Stuyvesant Notice of Hearing on 2007 Preliminary Budget

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget for the Town of Stuyvesant for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2006 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Lori Ennis, where it is available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant New York, at 6:00 pm on the 9th day of November 2005, and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

PURSUANT to Town Law, the proposed salaries for herby specified as follows: Supervisor, \$6,727.00.00 – Town Board (4) @ \$2,678.00 ea. - Town Clerk/Tax Collector, \$20,700.00 - Town Justice (2) @ \$7,500.00 ea. - Highway Superintendent \$45,900.00.00 - Assessor \$15,500.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Ennis  
Town Clerk

Town Supervisor went over the budget page by page, stopping after each page to take questions. Comments and questions came from the following individuals: Patricia Casey, Lee Jamison, Peter Donahoe, Marilyn Chrysler, Sandra LoPresto, Rosalind Gumaer, Matthew Asbornsen, and Melanie Donahoe. The closing statements were made by Dr. Matthew Asbornsen speaking of the loss of our Councilperson Kenneth Hummel, his participation in the building of the Town Hall and commitment to the Town. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:55pm.

## November 9, 2006 Town Board Meeting

The Stuyvesant Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on October 12, 2006 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Richard Cummings, Councilperson Ronald Knott and Town Clerk, Lori Ennis.

Superintendent of Highways Bernard Kowalski was also present.

A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Councilperson Richard Cummings, seconded by Councilperson Ronald Knott, approved.

### COMMUNICATION:

- **P.J. Keeler/Col. Co. Emergency Medical Services** - Letter to Chief Steve Montie of Stuyvesant Fire Company thanking him and the company for their quick response and competent care at a call on October 7, 2006.
- **Columbia County Dept. of Health** - Letter to Local Code Enforcement Officers regarding class for Lead, Lead Hazards and Lead Regulations.
- **Greenway Grant Application**
- **National Grid** - Letter to Supervisor Bertram outlining the Policy for Attachments to National Grid Poles for Lighting or Decoration.
- **Package read from Explore NY 400** - regarding the 2009 Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Act celebration.
- **David Ross** - Letter of Resignation

A motion to accept the communications as read, and be brought up under proper heading was made by Councilperson Richard Cummings, seconded by Councilperson Ronald Knott, carried.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilperson Ronald Knott, seconded by Councilperson Richard Cummings, carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **TOWN CLERK:**

- In the Month of October, the Town Clerk collected \$653.00 of which \$347.09 was given to the Town Supervisor.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

- Highway Superintendent Kowalski reported that the snow fences are going up.
- The well pump at the Town Garage was replaced and the furnace pipe also needed to be replaced.
- The sand and salt is in and ready.
- The new sign at Newton Hook has been installed.
- Superintendent Kowalski reported that he had attended a Thruway Auction to purchase a new plow. Although he could not get one for what he was prepared to spend, he was able to purchase a set of 4 cutting edges. Because he couldn't purchase a used plow, he asked the Board for approval to spend \$6700.00 on a new plow. The old plow was purchased in 1978.
- We will need to write a resolution to adopt the road in the Stuyvesant Place Subdivision; it will be called "Stuyvesant Place". Councilman Ronald Knott made a motion to ask Town Attorney, Tal Rappleyea, to draft a resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Richard Cummings, it was carried and approved.
- Councilman Richard Cummings made a motion to approve the \$6700 for the Highway Department to purchase a new plow, seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. Motion carried and approved.

### **CEO/ZEO REPORT:**

- Report is on file with the Town Clerk. The Building Inspector took in \$1005.00 and issued 6 new permits. Inspector Ennis wanted to point out that his office is financially self-sufficient. The office of Building Inspector, collects for building permits. This amount more than covers the cost of the Building Inspector salary. Other municipalities cover approximately 70-75% of the salary.

### **DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

- Report is on file with the Town Clerk.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING:**

- Schrader property

### **GREENWAY COMMITTEE:**

- Councilman Knott reported that at the last Greenway Committee meeting they discussed economic development locating in high density areas;
- Wetland Treatment Plants
- Commercial Need - possible wind mill farms
- Agriculture Value assessments

### **AGRICULTURE:**

- No report

### **RECREATION:**

- After reports of vandalism at the playground in Stuyvesant Falls, Supervisor Bertram reported that the State Police are aware of the situation and have contacted the families of the teenagers who did the graffiti. They are expected to clean the equipment.
- There was concern over the placement of the picnic tables at the Sandbar. Apparently someone had placed them over the railing and was preparing to steal them. One was already stolen. Since this time the picnic tables at the Sand Bar have been removed by the Town for the winter season.

**RAILROAD RESTORATION:**

- Marilyn Burch reported that the Haunted Rail Station was successful, although they couldn't do the hay ride because of the rain.
- Family Farm Fun Day - Marilyn Burch and Supervisor Bertram publicly thanked the Keller Family for opening their home to the Town residents for the harvest festival. Marilyn Burch gave the family "thank you" gift bags with products from all of the vendors that attended that day.
- The Family Farm Fun Day raised \$1100.00 to go to the Railroad Station and the Farmer's Market raised \$1200.00.

**HISTORIAN:**

- Historian Juanita Knott thanked Superintendent Kowalski and his crew for putting up the Historic Marker in Newton Hook.

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

- Mrs. Knott introduced Barbara Brown, a resident of Stuyvesant Falls. Mrs. Brown is a familiar face for she has been a Girl Scout Leader for 46 years. Mrs. Brown presented a hand-made quilted wall hanging to the Town Board. This pictured the Stuyvesant Lighthouse. Mrs. Brown donated the wall hanging to Town for the Town Hall.

**Columbia County Board of Supervisor:**

- A Public Hearing will be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall on Thursday, November 16, 2006 for the Agriculture District #2 - boundary modifications.

**RESOLUTION:**

- Resolution offered by Councilman Ronald Knott to support the mission of the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commission, that the Town requests designation as an Explore NY 400 Community, and there will be a committee established to prepare for the celebration in 2009. The resolution was seconded by Councilman Richard Cummings and approved.

**REAPPOINTMENT:**

- Board of Assessment and Review: Michael Naegeli's term expired on the Board of Assessment and Review.

A motion to reappoint Mike Naegeli for another five year term was made by Councilman Ronald Knott, seconded by Councilman Richard Cummings, approved.

**2007 BUDGET:**

- A motion to approve the 2007 Budget was made by Councilman Richard Cummings, seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott, approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Stuyvesant Hydro-Electric Plant - Supervisor Bertram stated that she recently heard from Jim Besha, Albany Engineering, and that the process is moving along. A court date is set for the end of the month. to
- Supervisor Bertram thanked Cathy Knott for the wonderful job on the Halloween Party.
- Steve Montie asked the board about the progress of the ice skating rink. Supervisor Bertram stated that the cost was more than the board originally thought and they are looking into other options.
- Charlene Leach stated that the Garden Club planted bulbs by the flagpole in the front of the Town Hall. They were joined by two volunteers from the TeRyu dojo. Supervisor Bertram thanked the Garden Club for all their work.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Richard Cummings, seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. Motion carried unanimously.

**2006 ABSTRACTS**

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

367	National Grid	1908.84	387	Mark Fitzgerald	146.35
368	The Shedman	3156.05	388	Xerox	124.92
369	Empire Alarms	43.90	389	Lori Ennis	390.00
370	Independent	73.46	390	Carrie O'Hare	101.42
371	Charlene Leach	28.80	392	B. Kowalski	318.51
372	Kosco	190.17	393	Unifirst Corp.	359.14
373	B. Sutherland	48.00	394	Nextel Partners	52.86
374	Lisa's Silkscreen	583.00	395	Cargill, Inc.	1480.98
375	Marilyn Burch	153.85	396	Mario's	173.12
376	Lynn Pagano	50.00	397	Smith Well	2113.02
377	Cathy Knott	85.21	398	Albany Comm.	565.10
378	Tal Rappleyea	1950.00	399	Village Dodge	171.26
379	KD Hallmark	233.00	400	Northeast Auto	171.26
380	Schodack Septic	108.00	401	DTW Diesel	301.16
381	Fred Cohn, III	650.00	402	Morradian	1050.00
382	COARC	22.00	403	Carquest	113.59
383	Global Industries	581.20	404	Zwack, Inc.	7165.91
384	Berkshire Tele	312.39	405	Gorman Brothers	484.86
385	Business Automa	400.00	406	Colarusso Quarry	65.19
386	Staples	246.52	407	Colarusso Blacktop	1632.32

Recorded this 9th day of November 2006

Approved this 14th day of December 2006

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TOWN CLERK

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